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1. THE BRITISH REP HAD HOPED TO COMMENT ON THE BINGHAM
INQUIRY SET UP BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO STUDY ALLEGA-
TIONS OF SANCTIONS EVASION BY MAJOR OIL COMPANIES. HOWEVER,
HE DID NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN TIME FOR THE LAST
COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 28 AND HAS SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING
LETTER TO THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE.

2. "IN VIEW OF SOME OF THE TESTIMONY
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PUT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BY MR. RIVERS AT OUR 295TH MEETING,
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I GAVE YOU AN INTERIM
REPORT ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE ENQUIRY BEING CON-
DUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO ALLEGATIONS OF
EVASION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA BY MAJOR OIL COMPANIES.

3. "MR. BINGHAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE ENQUIRY SINCE

HIS FORMAL APPOINTMENT ON 10 MAY. AMONG HIS OTHER ACTIVITIES HE HAS MET THREE TIMES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS AND HE HAS ALSO MET WITH THE US TREASURY OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCTED THE MOBIL INVESTIGATION. AN ACCOUNTANT HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO ASSIST MR. BINGHAM.

4. "THE ENQUIRY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON 8 APRIL AND REMAIN UNCHANGED. THEY ARE TO CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION WITH THE OBJECTS:
"A. OF ESTABLISHING THE FACTS CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS WHEREBY SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS HAVE REACHED RHODESIA SINCE 17 DECEMBER 1965;
"B. OF ESTABLISHING THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH PERSONS AND COMPANIES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE SANCTIONS ORDER HAVE PLAYED ANY PART IN SUCH OPERATIONS;
"C. OF OBTAINING EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITY COMPLIANCE WITH OR DETECTING EVASION OF THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA (UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS) (NO. 2) ORDER 1968 ("THE SANCTIONS ORDER");
"D. OF OBTAINING EVIDENCE OF THE COMMISSION OF ANY OFFENCES AGAINST THE SANCTIONS ORDER WHICH MAY BE DISCLOSED.

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5. "AS STATED BY SECRETARY OF STATE AT THAT TIME, THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENT UNDER WHICH THE ENQUIRY WAS LAUNCHED IS THE SOUTHERN RHODESIA (UN SANCTIONS) (NO. 2) ORDER 1968. THIS REQUIRES THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED IN CAMERA, WHICH IS IN ANY CASE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL UNCOVER EVIDENCE JUSTIFYING COURT PROCEEDINGS.

6. "THE SECRETARY OF STATE REBUTS ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE ENQUIRY IS INTENDED TO BE A WHITEWASH. HE HAS PERSONALLY IMPRESSED UPON MR. BINGHAM THE NEED TO PRESS ON WITH THE ENQUIRY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND HIS DETERMINATION TO GET AT THE FACTS.

7. "AS THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE MEETING AGAIN FOR SOME WEEKS, I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR THIS LETTER TO BE CIRCULATED TO OUR FELLOW MEMBERS. "
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